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relic of the *Bos* was found, I picked up the enclosure (C). If you have leisure, I shall be glad to be informed of what creature it has formed a portion. I am, sir, your obliged and obedient servant, GEO. HARDCASTLE. To Professor Owen." The specimen (A) as the writer states, certainly shows the action of fire. The substance (B), which fills the interior of the basin, is chiefly composed of calcined phosphate of lime, the *débris* of (human?) bones which have been burnt in the cavity. The third specimen (C) is the humerus of a fox, and is apparently very recent. I hope that some of your readers will inform us what, if any, other instances of this peculiar mode of sepulture exist.—C. CARTER BLAKE, F.G.S., F.A.S.L.

Anthropological News.

The formation of the Madrid and St. Petersburg Anthropological Society is now to be followed by the formation of an anthropological society in New York. This society, we learn, will be founded on the plan of the Paris and London societies.

The Anthropological Society have sent in an address to the President and Council of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, asking for the appointment of a special section for Anthropology. Should this request be supported by the council, it will doubtless be carried; and in any case the question will be discussed by the general committee. Should the section not be appointed, it is intended to hold an Anthropological Congress. We understand that arrangements have already commenced, and that papers are being collected by the Anthropological Society for reading either before the section or at the congress, and that if the council of the Association decline to recommend the appointment of a special section the arrangements will be completed for an anthropological congress.

Mr. E. G. Squier has just returned to New York from a two years' exploration of the ancient monuments of South America, and has been collecting materials for a work on the Incas of Peru. We hear that he has brought with him two hundred crania of the people, collected with his own hands.

Dr. Louis Büchner, who translated Sir Charles Lyell's *Antiquity of Man* into German, has recently been delivering some lectures at Darmstadt, on the antiquity of man, which were attended by Prince Louis of Hesse.

Dr. J. Aitken Meigs, of Philadelphia, is engaged on a *Memoir on the Comparative Anthropology of the Polar Races*. He is anxious to obtain the measurements of the skulls of the following peoples:—Samoiedes, Yeniseiens, Yukagiri, Yakuts, Tungus, Koriaks, Kamtchatkans, Tchuktchi, Kurilians, Aleoutians, Kenaiens, Kolushes, etc. We shall be happy to forward any information, and feel sure that Dr. Meigs will gladly give all credit to those who take the trouble to send the information sought for.

Karl Gutzkow, who was one of the most severe critics of Dr. Louis Büchner's *Kraft und Stoff*, is now confined in a lunatic asylum.